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IN RE APPLICATION OF :  
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SERIAL NO: 10/601,672 : DATE ALLOWED: SEPTEMBER 26,  
2007  
FILED: JUNE 24, 2003 : GROUP ART UNIT: 2625  
FOR: JOB ORDER COORDINATION FOR :  
AN IMAGE REPRODUCING SYSTEM  
AMONG MULTIPLE TYPES OF JOBS  
ACCEPTED IN PARALLEL

COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
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SIR:

Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the indication of allowability of the claimed invention. In response to the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance in the Notice of Allowance of September 26, 2007, Applicants respectfully submit the following comments.

In the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance on page 2 of the Notice of Allowance mailed September 26, 2007, lines 7-15 state:

*Tuchitai et al and Bhogal et al fail to teach "Re-  
querying each of the multiple applications after the  
suspended state of the image reproducing apparatus is  
removed to determine if the image producing apparatus itself,  
or any of these external applications, have sent a job  
execution start request since the beginning of the suspended  
state. If such a job execution start request was sent,  
determining whether the job has a higher priority than a first  
job and determining whether the job is able to be executed*

***based on the current operating state of the image reproducing apparatus.”***

(emphasis in original)

Although the above statement may be accurate, it is respectfully noted that independent Claims 1, 9, and 13 do not include all of the elements recited above. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that, to the extent that the above-quoted statement differs from the specific features recited in Claims 1, 9, and 13, the above-quoted statement does not apply.

Respectfully submitted,

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